

**MARICOPA COUNTY**  
**Operation FELIX**  
(Feral Education & Love Instead of X-termination)

***Resolution***

To designate Operation FELIX as the officially approved means to solving feral cat related problems in Maricopa County.

**Whereas**, there are millions of feral cats now living in the United States and tens of thousands in Maricopa County as a result of natural increase and continued influx of abandoned and stray unsterilized domestic cats;

**Whereas**, this population has been created and perpetuated by human failure to control the breeding of domestic household cats;

**Whereas**, this population has been largely ignored in most communities in the United States;

**Whereas**, scientific evidence and experience in the United States and other countries has shown that the non-lethal trap-neuter-return method, accompanied by on-going feral cat colony management, is a humane and effective means for controlling and reducing the feral cat population while providing for the welfare of feral cats;

**Whereas**, caring individuals and groups all across the country and Maricopa County are already effectively applying non-lethal management to control feral cat populations;

**Whereas**, the County of Maricopa embraces the sanctity of all life and the importance of preserving and protecting life wherever possible;

**Be it therefore resolved**, that the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors does hereby endorse non-lethal trap-neuter-return, when accompanied by ongoing feral cat management, as the most effective, humane method of controlling feral cat populations in Maricopa County and in so doing better provides for the welfare of these animals while better serving our communities' public health and safety concerns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto set our hands this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2002.



MARICOPA COUNTY

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors